

ISSC ACTIVITIES 2002 - 2003



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ISSC COMMITTEE LIST

- # Administrative Procedures
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- # Education
- # Foreign Relations
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- # Shellfish Restoration
- # Time/Temperature
- # VMC
 - Vv Subcommittee
 - Vv Education Subcommittee
 - Vp Subcommittee

Administrative Procedures Committee (Reports to TF III)

- # Issue 99-308 was referred to committee by Task Force III. Task Force III requested the committee, with assistance from the ISSC Executive Office, survey states to determine the administrative procedures for certifying shellfish dealers and submission of dealers to the USFDA for inclusion in the Interstate Certified Shellfish Shippers List (ICSSL). Please notify this office of your schedule for developing the survey. This task should be completed by January 31, 2003 to provide adequate time for state responses to be summarized into a report for discussion at the July 2003 annual meeting.

Biotoxin Committee

(Reports to TF I /Executive Board)

- # Provide recommendations regarding Issue 01-120 to the 2003 Task Force I in Portland, Oregon.
- # Continue providing guidance and recommendations to the ISSC Executive Board concerning biotoxin issues. Issue 99-215 remains active, pending completion of research.
- # Provide a summary of current biotoxin information for posting on the ISSC website. Please provide this information to the Executive Office by March 1, 2003.

Communications Committee (Reports to Executive Board)

- # Continue involvement in ongoing I SSC activities related to communications including the development and distribution of a description of I SSC communication capabilities.
- # Provide recommendations to the Executive Board as to the most expedient method of notification of illness outbreaks
- # Provide recommendations to the Executive Board to facilitate the goals of the I SSC, through use of communication technologies, bridging communication technologies with committee goals and needs.

Depuration/Wet Storage Committee (Reports to TF II)

- # Provide recommendations to the 2003 Task Force II in Portland, Oregon on each of the following issues:

01-206 – Conditional Protocol Verification Modification

01-221 – Wet Storage Quality in Artificial Bodies of Water

Education Committee (Reports to Executive Board)

- # Discuss and make recommendations regarding other educational and/or training needs of the members of the ISSC.
- # Review and make recommendations to the Executive Office on education materials developed.

Foreign Relations Committee (Reports to Executive Board)

- # Review information concerning foreign developments that may impact shellfish sanitation in the United States.

Import Assessment Committee (Reports to TF I & II)

- # Provide recommendations to the 2003 Task Force II in Portland, Oregon on each of the following issues:

01-122

01-123

01-210

01-223

Issue Review Committee (Reports to Executive Board)

- # Review and prioritize proposals (issues) for Task Force consideration for the 2003 Biennial Meeting in Portland, Oregon, August 2-8, 2003.

Lab Methods Review Committee (Reports to TF I)

- # Continue deliberations on Issue 96-113.
- # Provide the ISSC Executive Office with a list of needs required to complete the tasks recommended by Task Force I and adopted by the 2001 General Assembly.
- # Forward a timeline for the committee's final review and approval of the mTEC for fecal coliforms.

Lab Quality Assurance Committee (Reports to TF I)

- # Provide recommendations on Issue **01-127** to the 2003 Task Force I in Portland, Oregon.

NSSP Evaluation Criteria (Reports to Executive Board)

- # Continue efforts in assessing the evaluation criteria for NSSP elements.

Patrol Committee

(Reports to TF I & Exec Bd)

- # Provide consultation to the Executive Board regarding patrol matters.
- # Identify and advise the Executive Board regarding molluscan shellfish patrol issues that have the potential to impact the National Shellfish Sanitation Program.
- # Continue to provide the Food and Drug Administration with recommendations for Evaluation of State Program Patrol Elements. Provide consultation as needed in the development of the Shellfish Patrol Training Program for FDA Regional Specialists.
- # Issue 01-114. The Task Force has instructed the committee to evaluate issues related to proper authority and qualifications for patrol.

Plant Standardization Advisory (Reports to Executive Board)

- # Review specific reported problems associated with shellfish plant standardization.
- # Topics for review will be forwarded as received.

Post-Harvest Treatment (Reports to TF II)

- # Issue 01-224
- # Provide recommendations to the VV Subcommittee and Task Force II regarding the establishment of a new Post-Harvest Treatment dealer classification and any other relevant topics.

Processing and Handling (Reports to TF II)

- ✦ Provide recommendations to the 2003 Task Force II in Portland, Oregon on each of the following issues.

00-207 - Modify heat shock processing critical control point
01-213 - Modify definition of Repacker
01-214 - Modify title of 1999 Model Ordinance Chapter XII
01-215 - Modify 1999 Model Ordinance Chapter XII.01.A
01-216 - Modify 1999 Model Ordinance Chapter XII.01
01-217 - Modify 1999 Model Ordinance Chapter XII.02.C –
Prevention from Contamination

Processing and Handling (cont'd)

(Reports to TF II)

01-220 - Modify Chapter X.08.c. (Adopted as submitted - FDA did not concur) In addition to the issues previously assigned to this Committee, the Chairman of the Executive Board is requesting that you be assigned issue **01-212**.

The FDA did not concur with Conference Action on this issue and the Executive Board has referred it to this committee.

Research Guidance Committee (Reports to Executive Board)

- # Provide guidance to the ISSC Executive Board and Executive Office concerning research issues related to molluscan shellfish safety.

Resolution Committee (Reports to Executive Board)

- # Develop and review resolutions presented for Conference consideration.

Shellfish Restoration Committee (Reports to Executive Board)

- # Review restoration information which could impact shellfish sanitation and the NSSP.
- # Continue to identify proactive efforts in which Conference involvement would encourage restoration of shellfish growing areas.

Time-Temperature Control Committee (Reports to TF II)

- # Continue deliberations on Issue 99-209 and develop recommendations for harmonizing the various sections of the Model Ordinance that address time and temperature.
- # Provide a progress report on Issue 99-209 for the Spring 2002 Executive Board Meeting.
- # Provide recommendations to the 2003 Task Force II in Portland, Oregon on each of the following issues:
 - 00-204 Shellstock time/temperature controls after arrival at dockside.
 - 00-205 Clarification/limiting applicability of time/temperature matrix options to harvest activities.
 - 00-206 Temperature control during shipment by common carriers.

The FDA did not concur with Conference Action on these issues and the Executive Board has referred them to this committee.

Unresolved Issue Committee (Reports to Executive Board)

- # Review unresolved issues involving ISSC participants as outlined in Procedure IX of the ISSC Constitution, By-Laws and Procedures.

Vibrio Management Committee

(Reports to TF I, II & Exec Bd)

- # Continue general oversight and direction to the *Vv* Subcommittee, the *Vv* Education Subcommittee and the *Vp* Subcommittee.
- # You will be provided copies of all correspondence to these subcommittees.

VV Education Subcommittee (Reports to VMC)

- # Submit a detailed report on education activities twice yearly.
- # Review the findings of the Clearwater Research, Inc. survey.
- # Continue providing review and comments on educational materials that are being developed by the ISSC.

Vv Subcommittee (Reports to VMC)

- # Conduct the first work plan and progress review for the time frame of 08/01/01 through 12/31/02. First report is due January 2003 (18 months after the start).
- # Submit a draft issue addressing an "Exit Strategy" to the ISSC Executive Board when it meets in January 2002.
- # Encourage industry-implemented post-harvest controls to reduce Vv levels.
- # Evaluate a list of incentives developed by a Post-Harvest Treatment (PHT) workgroup before the first Subcommittee meeting. Develop, implement, and incorporate appropriate measures into the VMC work plan.

V/V Subcommittee -continued (Reports to VMC)

- # Provide guidance to the states on incentives for PHT and measures of PHT capacity.
- # Evaluate a list of incentives developed by a Post-Harvest Treatment (PHT) workgroup before the first Subcommittee meeting. Develop a list of issues relating to public health, post-harvest treatment technologies, marketability, shelf life, and similar matters.
- # Create work group to work with local, state, and federal agencies and program to develop a standardized form for collection of epidemiological and environmental information and assist in collection of the data

Vv Subcommittee -continued (Reports to VMC)

- # Evaluate Year 2001 survey results and compare with Year 2003 or 2004 survey results to determine effectiveness in meeting the objectives of the Vv education effort: -- 40% increase in awareness of risk from Vv; -- 15% increase in at-risk consumers no longer eating raw oysters; -- minimize impacts to non-at-risk consumers. Administer survey to determine current Vv disease reporting and education in each state.
- # Compile and review data on rates of illness.
- # Evaluate the effectiveness of reduction efforts which will be conducted at the end of the 5th year - 12/31/06.

V/V Subcommittee -continued

(Reports to VMC)

- # Evaluate the requirements in Section .04C to determine if changes in controls are necessary to achieve targeted illness reduction goals.
- # The items listed below have been delegated to the *Vibrio vulnificus* Subcommittee as a result of VMC efforts resulting from the charge by voting delegates at the 2001 ISSC.
- # Review the progress on market and shelf life study efforts currently being pursued through Sea Grant universities.
- # Update on the efforts to obtain information from the states on the number of harvest vessels with refrigeration on board and the capacity of these vessels to add refrigeration.

Vp Subcommittee (Reports to VMC)

- # Review the 2002 State reports required under Chapter 11 @ 01 to assess whether future changes to the Vp interim guidance document and satisfactory compliance are needed.
- # Appoint a Vp Research Work Group to develop a prioritized preliminary report listing research needs.
- # The Vp Subcommittee Chairman and the ISSC Executive Director will establish a work group to enhance the CDC report form to include the additional epidemiological and environmental information. The CDC form will be used in the interim.

Committee Activities Update

VV Subcommittee:

- Developed interim guidance for PHT validation/verification.
- PHT survey underway for VV source states.
- Investigating allowing labeling claims for PHT product at levels greater than <3 MPN (supported by FDA).
- Nearing completion of an amended VV Illness Reporting Form which will capture more information.
- Endorsed PHT taste/shelf life study.
- Nearing completion of year-one assessment of VV illness reduction strategy.

Committee Activities Update (cont'd)

IV Education Subcommittee

- All source states implemented IV education programs in 2002.
- At-risk consumer survey data is presently being analyzed (draft report complete).
- ISSC 2002 IV Education materials distribution exceeded all previous years.

Committee Activities Update (cont'd)

Vp Subcommittee:

- Reviewed State *Vp* reporting data for 2001.
- Continuing to modify reporting format for simplification and reporting consistency.
- At the request of FDA, the Subcommittee will be investigating other time/temperature and handling practices which have potential for further reducing *Vp* illnesses.

Committee Activities Update (cont'd)

Import Assessment Committee:

- Developed interim definition for “cooked” shellfish as follows:

“Fresh Shellfish means any species of oysters, clams, or mussels whether

1. Shucked or in the shell;
2. Whole or in part; and
3. Scallops in any form except when the final product form is the abductor muscle only that are raw or have been subjected to thermal treatment, which achieved an internal product temperature of less than 145°F for 15 seconds.

(Additional guidance on ISSC Website)

March 2003 Executive Board Meeting Task Force Appointment

Task Force I:

# Mike Voisin, Chairman	Industry 5
# Kathy Brohawn, Vice Chairman	Regulatory 3
# Robert Connell	Regulatory 2
# Mike Hickey	Regulatory 1
# Patricia Fowler	Regulatory 4
# Lori Howell	Industry 1
# Richard Daiger	Industry 3
# Al Sunseri	Industry 5
# Robin Downey	Industry 6
# FDA	_____
# NOAA	_____
# EPA	_____
# Charles Newell	Board Consultant

March 2003 Executive Board Meeting Task Force Appointment

Task Force II:

- # Steve Wegh, Chairman
- # Keith Skiles, Vice Chairman
- # Susan Parachini
- # Sandy Shepherd
- # Manny Soares
- # Bill Taylor
- # Steve Blount
- # Chris Nelson
- # Steve Fleetwood
- # FDA
- # NOAA
- # _____

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Regulatory 3
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Regulatory 4
Regulatory 6
Industry 6
Industry 1
Industry 5
Industry 2

Board Consultant

March 2003 Executive Board Meeting Task Force Appointment

Task Force III:

# Jennifer Tebaldi, Chairman	Regulatory 6
# Clifford Hillman, Vice Chairman	Industry 5
# Larry Simns	Industry 3
# Dan Leonard	Industry 4
# Jack Pingree	Regulatory 3
# John Volk	Regulatory 2
# David Heil	Regulatory 4
# Amy Fitzpatrick	Regulatory 1
# FDA	_____
# NOAA	_____
# EPA	_____
# Bill Dewey	Board Consultant

2003 Executive Board Meeting

- # FDA provided a status report on the following:
 - The establishment of Shellfish Steering Committee.
 - The availability of Small Conference funds for I SSC to aid in State I SSC participation.
 - An update on Korean Shellfish Program and Korea's reinstatement on ICSSL.
- # An update on Mexican Shellfish Program and MOU.
- # Changes in FDA shellfish personnel:
 - Stan Ratcliffe retired
 - Miriam Stuckey new plant standard
 - Bill Watkins acting SST team leader
 - Faye Feldstein acting in Harden's place
 - Melissa Ellwanger hired in OS

2003 Executive Board Meeting (continued)

- Gary Wolf hired as SS in Central Region DA provided:
- Use of partnership monies to fund regional meetings of State shellfish personnel.
- # Don Kraemer provided a very brief overview of the recent legislation to better control imports as part of U.S. counter terrorism efforts.

Mentioned were requirements for processors to register with FDA, pre-notification of product entry, and civil detention authority under certain circumstances. Details of the Bioterrorism Act are available on FDA's Website.

2003 Executive Board Meeting (continued)

- # The Board adopted the following Position Statement submitted by the I SSC Water Quality Data Group:
 - "State shellfish authorities should evaluate all available water quality data and related information with public health relevance in establishing classification of shellfish growing areas. (It is the opinion of the work group that documentation of the decision making process should be included in the file.) [Model Ordinance Reference I V @ .01C.(5)(a)(iii)]"

2003 Executive Board Meeting (continued)

- # Miriam Stuckey presented the "Status of the State" report to the Board.
 - The report outlined deficiencies by program elements.
 - Overall the deficiencies were similar to FY 2001.
 - All states were adequately addressing deficiencies with the exception of one northeast state which has significant problems in their patrol element. I SSC and FDA will give immediate attention to this state problem.

ISSC Grant Activities

✦ Grants Awarded:

- FY 2004 FDA Cooperative Agreement
- Sea Grant Program (pending budget revision)
 - "Assisting Gulf States in Control of *Vibrio vulnificus*"
- FDA Small Conference Grant (pending application approval)
- EPA - SIMS (pending review)

✦ Grant Preproposals:

- EPA Gulf of Mexico Program
 - "Production and Distribution of *Vibrio vulnificus* Educational Materials"
 - "Harvester Education - Overboard Discharge/Safe Handling of Shellstock"

Other I SSC Activities

- # The NSSP Guide for the Control of Molluscan Shellfish Working Draft will be available on the I SSC Website April 4, 2003. Please use this document in developing proposals (issues).
- # Results of the State Cadmium survey has been shared with FDA and NOAA. FDA has been requested to investigate the Codex proposal to lower the Cd level to 1 ppm. I SSC will provide a Cd update from March 2003 CODEX Meeting on Website later this week.
- # I SSC has initiated an on-line newsletter which will continue to be updated periodically.
- # PSP Workshop August 4-7, 2002 – Alaska.
 - Alaska has adopted and will soon be implementing a modified Goeduck Monitoring Program

Dates to Remember

- # April 4 - I SSC Call for Proposals (Issues)
- # May 5 - Proposals (Issues) Submission Deadline
- # May 7-9 - Northeast Shellfish Sanitation Association Meeting
- # June 16-20 - Gulf and South Atlantic Shellfish Conference
- # The I SSC Biennial Meeting is scheduled for August 2 - 8, 2003, Portland, Oregon.
- # Information will be posted on I SSC Website as it becomes available.
- # Website Newsletter initiated Fall 2002 (Updated periodically)
- # New section on Website for Laboratory Evaluation Officers and Managers

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